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This panel in front of us is here to listen to comments from the public on their possible plans to save a sick Delta. Let's go to the Sacramento Bee and look at some facts available to us every day. The snow pack in the Sierra's is at approximately 66% of average. The Dams for water transfer are at 50% to 66% of where they need to be for water exporters to fulfill their contracts. There is more water flowing out of these dams right now than is flowing in and this should be the peak of the runoff season! The Central Valley Project and DWR have never upheld their part of the contract with North Delta to provide an extra 5 million acre feet of water to help restore and keep the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta healthy. So now without ever upholding their end of the contract you want to turn our area into a tidal wetland under the false assumption that is the natural way this area was centuries ago. The historical fact is this was never a tidal wetland. This area was seasonal swamp and overflow land that only flooded during the wettest of years. Even on wet years This area dried up at the end of Spring.

Now after never fulfilling the contract with North Delta to provide an extra 5 million acre feet of water for a healthy Delta you are going to try to fix the Delta by creating a tidal wetland. That is trying to fix a problem by attacking a symptom. Your ideas are like Nyquill. Instead of working on the symptom, You should be attacking the problem of an ailing Delta. The problem is staring you in the face! 6.5 million Acre Feet of water is contracted to export from the Delta with a Water Shed that will not support it.

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